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First regional response to the Nagoya outcomes will be elaborated in the Arab region

Cairo/Manama/Montreal, 8 November 2010 – Just a month after the Nagoya biodiversity summit, government officials of Arab countries will gather in Cairo on 29-30 November 2010 to elaborate national and regional responses to the Nagoya outcomes.

The Nagoya outcomes, adopted by Governments at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), include the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, the Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period 2011-2020, and a Strategy for Resource Mobilization. The Nagoya outcomes mark a new era of advancing the global biodiversity agenda and are expected to catalyse new waves of comprehensive actions at national, regional and global levels.

The Arab Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance will be the first regional response to the Nagoya outcomes and one of the first activities in the Arab region designed to support their implementation. The workshop has been initiated by the Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) of the League of Arab States and is co-organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for West Asia and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Funding institutions and development agencies active in the Arab region are expected to attend the workshop with a view to considering and elaborating an Arab Programme on Biodiversity and Finance up to 2020.

The regional workshop will pave the way for an effective regional action plan for strategy for resource mobilization and innovative financial mechanisms. It will provide a platform for developing common vision, shared commitments and concrete funding action for the Arab countries and their external partners to support implementation in the region of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan and its associated targets. The results of the Arab regional workshop will be presented to environment ministers at the annual meeting of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) of the League of Arab States.

Note

Strategy for Resource Mobilization

The Strategy for Resource Mobilization under the Convention features prominently in the Nagoya outcomes adopted by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10). Through the strategy for resource mobilization, governments are committed to substantially increasing resources (financial, human and technical) from all sources, balanced with the effective implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020, and developing country-specific resource mobilization strategies with financial and technical support of the Convention secretariat and the



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Global Environment Facility. Governments have further decided to adopt quantitative and qualitative targets at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties provided that robust baselines have been identified and endorsed and that an effective reporting framework has been adopted. The Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) of the League of Arab States and the UNEP Regional Office for West Asia have been active in facilitating regional support to biodiversity in the Arab region.
